

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~[[An]] A fuser apparatus for fusing toner with a sheet,~~
comprising:

an electricity storage device;

a first heating unit configured to generate heat based on electric power supplied from
a commercial power supply;

a second heating unit configured to generate heat based on electric power supplied
from said electricity storage device;

a fusing member configured to fuse ~~[[the]]~~ toner with ~~[[the]]~~ a sheet through heat
applied by said first heating unit and said second heating unit; and

a control unit configured to change ~~which changes~~ a rated power of said second
heating unit, ~~wherein said heating unit is operative to simultaneously receive electric power~~
~~from said electricity storage device and electric power supplied from a commercial power~~
~~supply.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
second heating unit includes a plurality of heaters ~~heating units~~, and said control unit is
configured to change a number of the heaters receiving electric power, to change the rated
power of the second heating unit ~~provides first couplings between said heating units and said~~
~~electricity storage device in a first operation mode and second couplings between said heating~~
~~units and said electricity storage device in a second operation mode.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the
control unit is configured to switch the rated power of the second heating unit between a first

operation mode corresponding ~~corresponds~~ to a time period when said fusing member is heated from a temperature with no heat applied by said first and second heating units ~~unit~~ to a temperature suitable for fusing of the toner[[,]] and [[the]] a second operation mode corresponding ~~corresponds~~ to a time period when heat is deprived from said fusing member by the sheet.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said heaters ~~heating units~~ are connected in parallel in the first operation mode, and are connected in series in the second operation mode.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim [[2]] 3, wherein all said heaters ~~heating units~~ receive the electric power in the first operation mode, and at least one but not all of said heaters ~~heating units~~ receives the electric power in the second operation mode.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electricity storage device is a capacitor.

Claims 7-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for forming an image, comprising:
an electrophotography unit configured to create a toner image through electrophotography and transfer the toner image onto a sheet; and
a fuser configured to fuse toner of the toner image with the sheet, wherein said fuser includes:

an electricity storage device;

a first heating unit configured to generate heat based on electric power supplied from a commercial power supply;

a second heating unit configured to generate heat based on electric power supplied from said electricity storage device;

a fusing member configured to fuse the toner with the sheet through heat applied by said first heating unit and said second heating unit; and

a control unit configured to change ~~which changes~~ a rated power of said second heating unit, ~~wherein said heating unit is operative to simultaneously receive electric power from said electricity storage device and electric power supplied from a commercial power supply.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said second heating unit includes a plurality of heaters ~~heating units~~, and said control unit is configured to change a number of the heaters receiving electric power, to change the rated power of the second heating unit ~~provides first couplings between said heating units and said electricity storage device in a first operation mode and second couplings between said heating units and said electricity storage device in a second operation mode.~~

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein the control unit is configured to switch the rated power of the second heating unit between a first operation mode corresponding ~~corresponds~~ to a time period when said fusing member is heated from a temperature with no heat applied by said first and second heating ~~[[unit]]~~ units to a temperature suitable for fusing of the toner~~[[,]]~~ and a ~~the~~ second operation mode

~~corresponds~~ corresponding to a time period when heat is deprived from said fusing member by the sheet.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein said heaters ~~heating-units~~ are connected in parallel in the first operation mode, and are connected in series in the second operation mode.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein all said ~~heating-units~~ heaters receive the electric power in the first operation mode, and at least one but not all of said ~~heating-units~~ heaters receives the electric power in the second operation mode.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said electricity storage device is a capacitor.

Claims 16-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control unit is configured to change the number of heaters receiving electric power by selection of an ON/OFF state of one or more switches.

Claim 21 (New) A fuser apparatus comprising:
an electricity storage device;
first heating means for generating heat based on electric power supplied from a commercial power supply;

second heating means for generating heat based on electric power supplied from said electricity storage device;

a fusing member configured to fuse toner with a sheet through heat applied by said first heating unit and said second heating unit; and

control means for changing a rated power of said second heating means.